REMARKS

In response to the requirement in the Office Action of September 30, 2005, Applicants elect claim Group I which includes claims 1-44. As seen from the accompanying claim amendment the non-elected method claims 52 and 55 have been revised so as to depend from an elected claim so as to provide for rejoinder upon allowance of an elected base claim. Further revisions to the original dependent method claims have been made to conform with the claim 52 and 55 revisions. In addition new dependent claims 56 to 59 have been added (with requisite extra claim fees) to expand the scope of coverage relative to the elected subject matter. Also, as the Examiner's search for the elected claims is believed likely to be co-extensive with the non-elected claim subject matter, it is respectfully requested that the non-elected apparatus claim be examined in conjunction with the elected subject matter despite their distinctiveness or independent nature.

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